

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of developing a computer software system, comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

defining a first interface between associated with a proposed view sub-system and with a proposed business logic sub-system, wherein the proposed view sub-system and the proposed business logic sub-system interact only via the first interface;

defining a second interface between associated with a proposed handler sub-system and with the proposed business logic sub-system, wherein the proposed handler sub-system and the proposed business logic sub-system interact only via the second interface;

wherein the proposed view sub-system, the proposed business logic sub-system, and the proposed handler sub-system are all isolated from each other;

creating the proposed view sub-system in accord with the first interface; and creating the proposed handler sub-system in accord with the second interface.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

defining a third interface between associated with the proposed view sub-system and with the proposed handler sub-system; and

creating the proposed view sub-system in accord with both the first and third interfaces.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

defining a fourth interface between associated with the proposed view sub-system and with the proposed handler sub-system; and

creating the proposed handler sub-system in accord with both the second and the fourth interfaces.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

defining a third interface between associated with the proposed view sub-system and the proposed handler sub-system;  
defining a fourth interface between associated with the proposed view sub-system and with the proposed handler sub-system;  
creating the proposed view sub-system in accord with both the first and third interfaces; and  
creating the handler sub-system in accord with both the second and the fourth interfaces.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein:  
the first interface defines a plurality of methods for data storage and retrieval that are implemented in the business logic sub-system.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein:  
the second interface defines a plurality of methods of business logic that are implemented in the business logic sub-system.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein:  
the third interface is a listener interface that defines a plurality of methods in the handler sub-system which respond to actions in the view sub-system.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein:  
the fourth interface defines a plurality of methods which are implemented in the view sub-system for use by the handler sub-system.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein:  
the view sub-system includes a plurality of user interface objects;  
the handler sub-system includes a plurality of use case control objects; and  
the business logic sub-system includes a plurality of business logic objects.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein:  
the sub-systems are created substantially independently of each other once the interfaces have been defined.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer software system in a computer readable medium, said system comprising:  
first instructions defining a view sub-system including presentation objects which provide a user interface;  
second instructions defining a business logic sub-system including use case objects which hold business data and implement business functions;  
third instruction defining a handler sub-system including controller objects which control actions of the view sub-system and actions of the business logic sub-system;  
fourth instructions defining a data interface only through which the view sub-system obtains business data for the presentation objects; and  
fifth instructions defining a business interface only through which the handler sub-system invokes business functions.
12. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 11, further comprising:  
sixth instructions defining a listener interface through which the handler sub-system responds to events in the user interface.
- [[12]] 13. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 11, further comprising:  
sixth instructions defining a view action interface through which the handler sub-system invokes actions in the user interface.
- [[13]] 14. (Currently Amended) A computer program in a computer readable medium, said program comprising:  
first instructions defining at least one view object including presentation objects which provide a user interface;  
second instructions defining at least one business logic object holding business data and implementing business functions;  
third instructions defining at least one handler object which controls actions of at least one of the view objects and actions of at least one of the business logic objects;

fourth instructions defining a data interface only through which the at least one view object obtains business data for the presentation objects; and  
fifth instructions defining a business interface only through which the at least one handler object invokes business functions.

- [[14]] 15. (Currently Amended) The computer program according to claim [[13]] 14, further comprising:  
sixth instructions defining a listener interface through which the handler object responds to events in the user interface.
- [[15]] 16. (Currently Amended) The computer program according to claim [[13]] 14, further comprising:  
sixth instructions defining a view action interface through which the handler object invokes actions in the user interface.
17. (New) The computer program system of claim 11 further comprising:  
sixth instructions for further defining the view sub-system, the business logic sub-system, and the handler sub-system such that each sub-system is isolated from another sub-system.
18. (New) The computer program of claim 14 further comprising:  
sixth instructions for further defining the view sub-system, the business logic sub-system, and the handler sub-system such that each sub-system is isolated from another sub-system.